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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,182	69%	1,689	28%
Analyzed SAKs	1,891	31%	4,384	72%
Total SAKs	6,073	100%	6,073	100%

As of May 24, 2010, a total of 4,027 untested SAKs (96 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of May, a total of 261 SAKs were outsourced. The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	1203	59%
Negative Biological Material Screen	835	41%
Total Results Received	2038	100%

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Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	85	7%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	346	29%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	325	27%
Uploaded to CODIS	447	37%
Total Positive Biological Material Screen	1203	100%

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the nine current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through May 2010

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grants	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Monthly Totals
September	\$0	\$302,172	\$16,599	\$18,923	\$337,694
October	\$150	\$201,770	\$9,964	\$22,610	\$234,494
November	\$65,201	\$73,880	\$0	\$50,592	\$189,673
December	\$10,900	\$159,305	\$0	\$0	\$170,205
January	\$6,900	\$148,469	\$0	\$5,159	\$160,528
February	\$2,616	\$47,852	\$0	\$9,811	\$60,279
March	\$57,241	\$199,003	\$0	\$32,837	\$289,081
April	\$0	\$260,172	\$0	\$0	\$260,172
May	\$0	\$304,989	\$0	\$0	\$304,989
Totals	\$143,008	\$1,697,612	\$26,563	\$139,932	\$2,007,115

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, five individuals were selected from the current certification list. Two individuals have begun employment as criminalists

and the other selections are undergoing background investigations. An individual has been selected for the supervising criminalist position.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. For the month of May 2010, a total of 20 SAKs were outsourced to the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 669 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

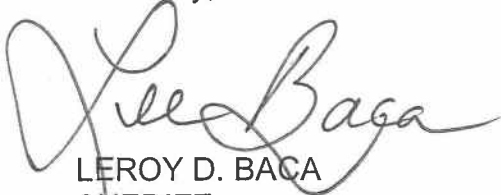
	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	116	42	158
Pending Assignment	26	485	511
Total	142	527	669

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 153 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 153 cases, 100 are currently under investigation. Fifty-three cases are closed: 7 resulted in criminal filings (2 of these were related to the processing of the SAK backlog elimination project), 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 1 Non-Detained petition (minor subject) was filed, 32 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 11 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted. One case was referred to another law enforcement agency.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345 4301.

Sincerely,



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